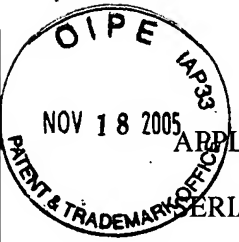


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**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

This Amendment "A" is in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response of September 29, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond accompanies the Amendment "A", to extend the period for response through November 29, 2005.

Claims 1 - 15 are pending in the application, with Claims 11 - 25 withdrawn under a restriction requirement.

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Claims 1 - 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is said to contain various recitations which make the number of devices described unclear.

Claims 1, 2, 9/1, 9/2, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hatano, U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Claims 2 - 8, 9/4 and 9/5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hatano, U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Claims 1 - 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sneth et al., U.S. Patent 6,503,330 in view of Hatano, U.S. Patent 5,989,345.

Please amend the application as follows: